

Listing of Claims:

Please replace the claims of record, all prior versions and listings of claims in the application with the following:

1. (original) An apparatus for transferring substrates from a first location to a second location, comprising:
 - a) a flexible conveying means;
 - b) a plurality of transfer units mounted to said conveying means, said transfer units being capable of holding said substrates;
 - c) a cam track defining a path between said first and second locations; and
 - d) means for driving said conveying means along said cam track.
2. (original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the transfer units are mounted to said conveying means in a cantilever configuration.
3. (original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein each transfer unit comprises first and second retainers made of an elastomeric material and comprising segmented fingers, said first retainer capable of holding a first substrate and said second retainer capable of holding a second substrate.
4. (original) The apparatus of claim 3, wherein said first and second retainers are located side by side within each transfer unit.
5. (original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein each transfer unit comprises a plurality of cam followers that ride in said cam track.
6. (original) The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising vacuum means for applying a vacuum to said substrates while they are held by the transfer units.

7. (original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said driving means comprises a drive pulley and an idler pulley linked together such that the drive pulley and the idler pulley move together.

8. (original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said transfer units are rotatably mounted to said conveying means, such that said transfer units are capable of being rotated while they are being transferred from said first location to said second location.

9. (original) The apparatus of claim 9, wherein said apparatus further comprises a rotatable actuator arm linked to said transfer units such that as said actuator arm rotates, said transfer units rotate.

10. (original) An apparatus for transferring substrates from a first operating module comprising a first rotor adapted to carry said substrates around a first circular path to a second operating module comprising a second rotor adapted to carry said substrates around a second circular path, said apparatus comprising a flexible conveying means traversing a third path, a first portion of said third path being coincident with a portion of said first circular path and a second portion of said third path being coincident with a portion of said second circular path.

11. (original) The apparatus of claim 10, wherein said flexible conveying means operates at a velocity matching the velocities of the first rotary module and the second rotary module.

12. (new) An apparatus for transferring substrates from a first location to a second location, comprising:

- a) a flexible conveying means;
- b) a plurality of transfer units mounted to said conveying means, each transfer unit being capable of holding at least two substrates;
- c) a cam track defining a path between said first and second locations; and
- d) means for driving said conveying means along said cam track.

13. (new) The apparatus of claim 12, wherein the transfer units are mounted to said conveying means in a cantilever configuration.

14. (new) The apparatus of claim 12, wherein each transfer unit comprises first and second retainers, said first retainer and said second retainer each being capable of holding said substrate so that said substrates cannot move or rotate randomly.

15. (new) The apparatus of claim 14, wherein said first and second retainers are located side by side within each transfer unit.

16. (new) The apparatus of claim 12, wherein the paths for the cam track and plurality of transfer units are defined by separate and distinct components of said apparatus.

17. (new) The apparatus according to claim 16, wherein the path is non-circular.

18. (new) The apparatus of claim 12, wherein said path is dog-bone shaped.

19. (new) An apparatus for transferring substrates from a first location to a second location, comprising:

- a) a flexible conveying means;
- b) a plurality of transfer units mounted to said flexible conveying means, said transfer units being capable of holding said substrates;
- c) a cam track defining a path between said first and second locations; and
- d) a driving means for driving said conveying means along said cam track, said driving means comprising a drive pulley and an idler pulley that are linked and driven to reduce side slack condition on said flexible conveying means.

20. (new) The apparatus of claim 20, wherein the path for the flexible conveying means and plurality of transfer units is determined by said cam track.

21. (new) An apparatus for transferring substrates from a first location to a second location, comprising:

- a) a flexible conveying means;
- b) a plurality of transfer units mounted to said conveying means, each transfer unit being adapted to rotate while they are moved from said first location to said second location along a non-circular path, each transfer unit being capable of holding at least two substrates;
- c) a cam track defining a path between said first and second locations; and
- d) means for driving said flexible conveying means along said cam track.

22. (new) The apparatus of claim 21, wherein said path is dog-bone shaped.

23. (new) The apparatus of claim 21, further comprising a rotatable actuator arm linked to said transfer units such that as said actuator arm rotates, said transfer units rotate.

24. (new) The apparatus of claim 21, wherein the plurality of transfer units further comprise a plunger shaft mounted therein and capable of vertical movement into the respective space in which a dosage form is retained.

25. (new) The apparatus of claim 21 wherein the path for the flexible conveying means and plurality of transfer units is determined by said cam track.

26. (new) The apparatus of claim 21, further comprising vacuum means for applying a vacuum to said substrates while they are held by the transfer units.